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- forwarding a call signal that includes the digital representation towards the destination communication device through an external interface;
- in response to receiving the call signal at the destination communication device, storing the digital representa- 5 tion in a memory of the destination communication device and generating the audible signal based on the digital representation included in the call signal; and
- deleting the digital representation from the memory of the destination communication device when the call is 10 answered or terminated.
- 7. A tangible, non-transitory computer readable medium as set forth in claim 6, wherein the providing step comprises the steps of:
 - generating an analog signal in the user communication 15 device in response to the audible signal being applied to the interface, the analog signal representing the audible signal;
 - converting the analog signal to the digital representation of the audible signal; and
 - storing the digital representation in the memory of the service provider database.
- 8. A method for operating a communication system that comprises a plurality of user communication devices, the method comprising the steps of:
 - providing, by a service provider database, a digital representation of an audible signal from a memory in the service provider database to at least one of a plurality of memory locations of a memory of a first one of the plurality of user communication devices, wherein mul- 30 tiple memory locations are associated with each of the other plurality of communication devices;
 - forwarding a call signal from a second one of the user communication devices towards the first user communication device;
 - in response to the call signal being received at the first user communication device, randomly selecting one memory location among the multiple memory locations associated with the second one of the user communication
 - generating the audible signal represented by the digital representation provided in the randomly selected memory location associated with the second one of the user communication devices; and
 - selected memory location after the call has been answered or terminated.
- 9. A method as set forth in claim 8, wherein each of the user communication devices comprises one of a telephone, a radiotelephone, and an information appliance.
- 10. A method as set forth in claim 8, wherein the providing step comprises the steps of:
 - applying audible signals to an input of a user input-interface of the first user communication device, and producing corresponding analog signals in that device;
 - in response to the inputting step, converting each individual analog signal to a corresponding one of the digital representations; and
 - storing each individual digital representation in a respective one of the memory locations of the memory of the 60 first user communication device.
- 11. A method as set forth in claim 8, wherein the step of selecting one memory location is performed based on predetermined information included in the received call signal.
- 12. A method as set forth in claim 8, further comprising the 65 step of determining at least one of a date and a time at which the call signal is received at the first user communication

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device, and wherein the step of selecting one memory location is performed based on a result of the determining step.

- 13. A method as set forth in claim 8, further comprising a step of operating an input-user interface of the first user communication device to input information into that device specifying that one of the plurality of memory locations be selected, and wherein the selecting step further includes selecting the memory location specified by the inputted information.
- 14. A method as set forth in claim 8, wherein the generating step is performed by generating the audible signal at predetermined time intervals.
- 15. A method as set forth in claim 8, wherein the providing step includes a step of downloading each digital representation from the Internet, and into the memory of the first user communication device.
- 16. A method as set forth in claim 8, wherein the communication system also comprises at least one communication network having a storage device storing each digital repre-20 sentation, the first and second user communication devices are communicatively coupled to the at least one communication network, and the providing step comprises the steps of:
 - providing each digital representation from the storage device of the at least one communication network to the first user communication device; and
 - storing each digital representation provided to the first user communication device in a respective one of the memory locations of the memory of the first user communication device.
 - 17. A method as set forth in claim 16, wherein the plurality of user communication devices are communicatively coupled to the at least one communication network, and wherein the method further comprises the steps of:
 - providing each digital representation in a memory of one of the user communication devices besides the first user communication device;
 - communicating each digital representation from the memory of the one user communication device to the at least one network; and
 - storing each digital representation in the storage device of the at least one network, prior to providing each digital representation from the storage device to the first user communication device.
- 18. A method as set forth in claim 17, further comprising deleting the digital representation from the randomly 45 the step of communicating a request for each digital representation from one of the first and second user communication devices to the at least one communication network, and wherein the step of providing each digital representation from the storage device to the first user communication device is performed in response to the request being received in the at least one communication network.
 - 19. A method as set forth in claim 18, wherein the step of communicating the request is performed a plurality of times at respective predetermined time intervals.
 - 20. A method as set forth in claim 19, wherein the storage device includes a plurality of memory locations, each storing a respective digital representation of a corresponding audible signal, and wherein the providing step comprises the steps of:
 - selecting at least one of the plurality of memory locations of the storage device; and
 - storing the digital representation from the at least one memory location selected in that selecting step to the memory of the first user communication device.
 - 21. A method as set forth in claim 20, further comprising the step of communicating information specifying that the at least one memory location of the storage device be selected, from the first user communication device to the at least one